**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑13‑645 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROTECTION OF NONGAME FISH, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN TO TAKE MORE THAN TWENTY‑FIVE AMERICAN EEL A DAY AND THAT EACH AMERICAN EEL TAKEN MUST BE AT LEAST NINE INCHES LONG.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 50‑13‑645 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“It is unlawful for a recreational fisherman to take more than ~~fifty~~ twenty‑five American eel~~s~~ (*Anguilla rostrata*) a day. Each American eel must be at least ~~six~~ nine inches long.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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